### **CURSES FOR WIFE** A SUICIDE'S LEGACY

Samuel Van Oertzen Left a Notebook Full.

"THE QUEEN OF DEVILS."

Thus He Anathematized Her. but Professed Love for His Children.

"AM I INSANE?" HE WROTE.

The Wife Says He Was Out of His Head at Times from Excessive Drink.

MORPHINE KILLED THE MAN.

Took It in His Own House, and, Knowing It Would Kill, Went Into the Street to Die.

Samuel Van Oertzen, a tall, portly, fine ooking man, died in the Presbyterian Hos-pital yesterday morning from morphine poisoning and alcoholism. The morphine was taken with suicidal intent.

In the dead man's clothing was found a little Russia leather bound note book, filled with protestations of love for his children and denunciations of his wife.

Van Oertzen was sixty-two years old and a native of Germany. He had been in this country fifty years, and was last employed ns secretary for Russell Sturgis, an architect, at No. 307 East Seventeenth street. Van Oertzen's home was at No. 163 East Eighty-seventh street.

His widow says he was a hard drinker. He stayed out all Tuesday night, she says, and was brought home intoxicated Wednesday morning by a policeman, who found

He remained in the house only a short time, but long enough to swallow eig's tablets of morphine. Then he went out doors, realizing that the tablets would prove fatal, not wishing to die in his home. When he reached Eighty-seventh street and Lexington avenue he sank to the pavement. There he was found by a policeman who rang up an ambulance, which took him to the Presbyterian Hospital.

The surgeons saw at once that they had a serious case to deal with, and worked The surgeons saw at once that they had a serious case to deal with, and worked unremittingly. Van Oertzen was very drowsy all day and fell into a deep coma, from which, however, he was aroused about midnight. His pupils were contrasted to the size of pin points, his breathing became slower and bis pulse ceased to beat. Early yesterday the doctors pronounced him dead. They were nearly exhausted from their hours of hard labor to save his life. A short time before he died he said that he took the poison intended to the safether and have themselves cut their rates several time tous by the New York Central and the never felt better in his life, and his appearance seemed to justify the never nearly exhausted from their boars of hard labor to make yet a cool breeze from the Potomac, so it is not only healthful, but very composite times to meet the Central's reductions.

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The notebook found among his effects contained several addresses. They showed MORE OF IT THAN EVER. for several firms. There were several more or less wild statements in the book. The handwriting was as fine as a woman's. I wo entries were in red ink. They read as

Wanda came to see mamma, but would not see me, because her mind is corrupted by poison through letters sent by my own fiesh and blood. Shame!

If ever I should get crazy I beg anybody with any feeling to stop my brother sending any money to that curse of mine. Let it be used for the little ones, but under guidance. but a brute of the lowest kind. God curse

Calls Her "Regina Satanella." A few pages further on is this entry; I have the same feeling now that I had two rears ago. I believe that I will really go crazy. If I do, it will be all the fault of that wicked woman—Regina (Queen) Satanella. Oh, God, curse her! Curse her! Only my poor little ones protect, my dear Lord.

On another page is written: Kitty is a good girl, and I love her dearly. I know that she loves me. It is only mamma that does the mischief. I write this so that if I should die there will be proof that I had

Kitry is another of his children. This mention of hell is repeated over and over, its also are curses upon his wife and other women. But his references to his children are always kindly. At times he seemed to regret making the entries, for mone page is written;

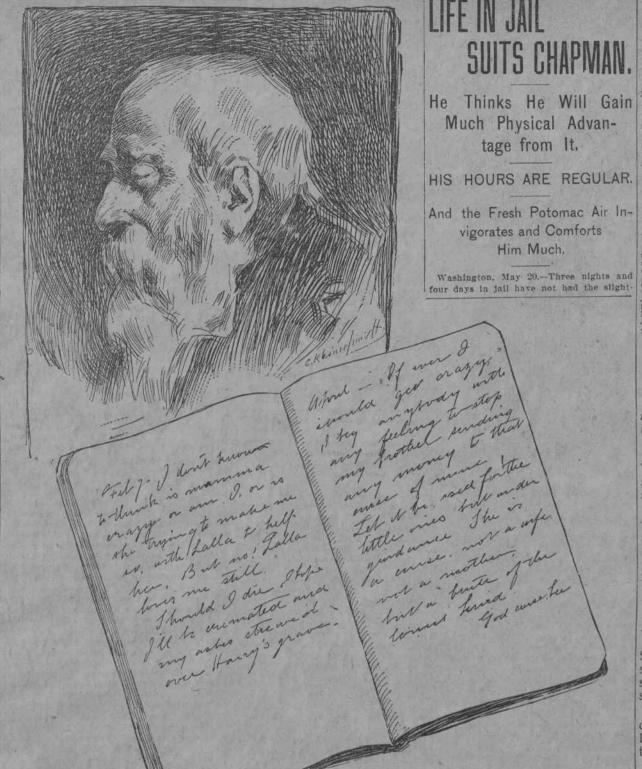
It is very foolish of me to write all this newense, but it often reminds me of all the hell I have suffered.

One of the strangest entries is as follows:

yesterday, was as follows:

Mone to Claim the Body.

The body was still at the hospital up to late body and corners provided and autopsy and corners provided an



Aged Suicide, Samuel Van Certzen, Who Cursed His Wife.

Truth.

Every Effort Made to Mini-

way freight and the balance as through freight.

Baltimore & Ohio.....

Blg Four.....

Grand Trunk.....

 New Jersey Central
 5,784,510

 Chesapeake & Ohio
 5,671,200

Lackawanna ..... 11,322,112

Lehigh Valley...... 6,313,819

 Michigan Central.
 7,470,951

 New York Central.
 39,741,495

 Norfolk & Western
 6,509,925

 Pennsylvania Railroad
 78,250,526

Pennsylvania Company. 46,426,165 Canadian Paelile. 4,274,067

Name of Road.

"The Grand Trunk was never known to eat with more regularity than I have been be behind the door when there was a accustomed to." rate-cutting going on."

Denials Being Sent Out and been, but it is certainly more prevalent gaged at his desk in his office-cell, attendnow than at any time since the associa-tion was formed." lng to his correspondence, and had very few idle moments during the entire day.

cult be prove a case against the offending statemond in Philadelphia. Lalla is Van Oertzen's eldest daughter, twenty-four years old.

On another page of the book, written in a larger hand, is the following:

Should I die, I hope I'll be cremated and my ashes strewed over Harry's grave.
Harry was a son, and died several years ago.

All through the book are expressions of fear that the writer will go crazy. One reads as follows:

The officers of the association are making every effort to minimize the trouble, and send out bulletins stating that all is

That Is the case with the Joint Traffic Washington to visit his imprisoned partner.

The freight over to another connecting line, receiving its proportion on the through the shiper for the short haul, which is not geverned by the regular tariff.

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2.684.80

4,488,83

7,219.10

3,512,12

1.979.60

901.14

Sixteen of the principal railroads connected with the Joint Traffic As-

sociation, with a total length of 37,568.40 miles of track, moved during the year

1895, 256,087,680 tons of freight. Of this amount about 90 per cent was classed as

A general cutting of rates such as now seems imminent, in which the roads will

follow the Baltimore & Ohio, Norfolk & Western, Pennsylvania and New York Central, will enable shippers to save several million dollars in handling their goods.

quiet along the line. One of these, issued Association. An agent must get business,

man. When seen by a Journal representa- skilfully constructed of best materials. No official action has been taken as yet tive this afternoon he was as cheerful and Up-to-date. Handsomely finished.

This was an unusually busy day for the "Then there is rate cutting going on at breamt?" Incarcerated broker. A larger number of friends called to see him, and when he was "Why, of course. There always has not receiving visitors he was busily en-

I don't know what to think. Is mamma
crazy or am I, or is she trying to make me
one with Lalla to help her? But, no! Lalla
on in secret and by devious means. The
loves me still:

Wanda is a sister of the deceased man,
nd is said to be at the head of a German

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New York Exchange. He manifests a deep

TOHN WANAMAKED and is said to be at the head of a German cult to prove a case against the offending the freight over to another connecting line, interest in the condition of the market, and

> ner. Grant B. Schley, another member of WHAT RATE GUTTING MEANS TO THE PUBLIC, the firm, who is in New York, has written that he will probably be here to-morrow. Mr. Chapman also received word from New York that a party of friends will come to Washington next Sunday to see him. He says he wired them not to come, as he will be allowed only an hour-from 11 to ing, here in tall."

Nearly every one who calls upon Mr. Chapman asks permission to see his cell, but to all Warden Leonard has to decline, at the cab stand in the 23d Street The rules of the jall allow no one to visit Station at reasonable rates. the cells of the inmates, and no exception is made in Mr. Chapman's case. He receives his callers in the big rotunds, where

He arose at the usual hour this morning, after a restful ten hours' sleep. After partaking of an inviting breakfast, prepared at the Arlington Hotel, he returned to his office cell, where he read the papers and looked over his morning mail, which was unusually large to-day. From 10 o'clock until 2, with the exception of haif an hour for luncheon, his time was pretty well taken up by callers, among those who visited him registered as follows: H. O. Tooles, H. H. Tallmadge, Attorney Wilson, Mr. Bennett, of the Arlington; J. O. Breest, L. F. Fisher and George Gilicland. Mr. Chapman had dinner about 6:30 and spent the early part of the evening in the rotunda talking with the officers. He arose at the usual hour this morning. and he evades the rules in devious ways, perhaps without the knowledge of his superiors or with their counivance."

THIRD IN TWO WEEKS.

Details of the Police "Shake-Up" Ordered by Chief Conlin for the Good of the Service.

The end of the police reorganization is not in sight. More changes were made yesterday, and it is said the end is not yet. To the transfer of the four police cap-talns-Sheehan, Schmittberger, Donohue and Kirshner-is due the "shake up" in the force which Chief Coulin caused yester-

day.

Several ward men, or precinct detectives as they are officially called, were remanded to patrol duty for "the good of the service."

This is the third "shake-up" in two weeks.
Following is a list of the principal transfers that were made yesterday:

fers that were made yesternay;
Sergeants Thomas H. Mannion, Twentyand to Tenth; Thomas Morgan, Twenty-ser
to Twentieth; John H. Shields, Twenty-ser
to Eighth; Francis McCarton, Tenth to Teenth; Abram C. Hulse, Twentieth to Twe
second; Joseph Burns, Eighth to Twentyand, Roundsmen David C. Cagney, Twent
to Twenty-second; as acting screenin; Mic

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A railroad man said yesterday: "You see, there are many ways in which rates can be cut without a direct evasion of a fixed tariff. For example, a road can estable markets and with the wall telegraph to markets and with the wall teleg

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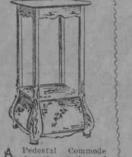
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